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BEIRUT FOR CIVIL AIR ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, US, JO

SUBJECT: ALIA AIRLINES AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION PLANS

1. EXTREMELY RELIABLE SENIOR JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT SOURCE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT ALIA AIRLINES STILL HOPES TO INCREASE ITS FLEET IN NEAR FUTURE. JORDANIANS SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED THAT ABU DHABI SEEMED TO BE FINANCING PURCHASE OF NEW AIRCRAFT FOR EGYPT AND SYRIA, INCLUDING TWO WIDE-BODIED BOEING JETS FOR LATTER, WHILE PROMISES MADE TO JORDAN FOR SIMILAR SUPPORT LANGUSIH.

2. IN INTERIM, UAE AMBASSADOR IN LONDON AND NOTORIOUS INTERMEDIARY, MAHDI TAHJER, HAS TOLD JORDANIANS THAT IF THEY WORK THROUGH HIM HE CAN GUARANTEE GIFT FROM UAE OF ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT. JORDANIANS WISH TO ACQUIRE UP TO FOUR BOEINGS OVER THE NEXT FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS --TWO SP MODELS AND TWO FULL-SIZED WIDE-BODIED JETS. APPARENTLY THERE IS NO QUESTION IN JORDAN ABOUT THE FACT THEY WILL BE FROM BOEING.

3. SAME SOURCE SAYS THAT UAE HAD EARLIER GIVEN INDICATION THAT IT WOULD FINANCE PURCHASE BY ALIA OF TWO 707'S

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NEW IN OLYMPIC FLEET. UAE SUPPORT HAS APPARENTLY FALLEN

THROUGH, ALTHOUGH JORDANIANS HAVE ALREADY PAID TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO OLYMPIC AND HAVE ARRANGED FOR NECESSARY ADDITIONAL FINANCING FROM SOURCE UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY. THEY HOPE GREEK GOVERNMENT WILL SOON APPROVE SALE AND GIVEN SUCH APPROVAL EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PUT TWO 707'S IN SERVICE WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

4. FINALLY, JORDANIAN AIR FORCE REPORTEDLY SOLD MYSTERE 20 (FALCON) TO SULTAN OF OMAN FOR OVER TWO MILLION DOLLARS. FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE A 727-100 FROM JAPAN WHICH WILL BE FITTED WITH LONG-RANGE TANKS AND VIP INTERIOR AND USED TO FERRY JORDANIAN DELEGATIONS, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND KING ON FOREIGN VISITS.

5. ABOVE INFORMATION IS CONSIDERED EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS OR US FIRMS.  
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